Docket: MEMS-0131-D1 Application No.: 10/826,371

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

BROWN

Application No.: 10/826,371

(Divisional of Application No. 09/594,711, Filed

6/16/2000)

Filed: 19 Apr 2004

Title: OFF-AXIS DIFFRACTIVE BEAM SHAPERS

AND SPLITTERS FOR REDUCING SENSITIVITY TO MANUFACTURING

TOLERANCES

Attorney Docket No.: MEMS-0131-D1

Art Unit:

2872

Examiner:

AMARI, A. V.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.